SRI H. V. KOUJALGI (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) 26,007.

(*b*) Government recognise the need to speed up disposal of these cases. In order to facilitate this, they have since amended the Mysore Land Reforms Act, 1961 by Mysore Ordinance No. 1 of 1970 empowering all Munsiff Courts including Additional Munsiff Courts to function as Courts for the purpose of the Act in lieu of the limited number of land tribunals, Executive functions under certain provisions of the Act vested in Land Tribunals have been transferred to the Revenue Officers (Tahsildars) to enable the Munsiff Courts to devote their time to judicial side of land reforms work. This new arrangement is expected to help in cutting down the delay appreciably and expediating disposal. Government are not aware of any harassment to the tenants by the landlords as alleged.

(*c*) The Land Reforms Act provides for safeguard against unauthorised eviction of tenants and restoration of possession to the tenants, and also for making them the owners of the lands as and when they are declared as nonresumable and vesting orders are passed.

CRITERIA FOR APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT GOVERNMENT PLEADER

523. SRI B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—

Will the Minister for Law, Labour and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government has created a post of Additional District Government pleader in Belgaum District ;

(*b*) if so, the number of Advocates those applied for the post ;

(*c*) the criteria for appointing District Government Pleader ?

SRI K. PUTTASWAMY (Minister for Law, Labour and Parliamentary Affairs) :—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 6 (Six).

(*c*) Selection is made out of a panel of three qualified candidates recommended by the Deputy Commissioner of the District and the District and Sessions Judge concerned. Generally reliance is placed on the recommendation of the Deputy Commissioner, regarding the character and integrity of the candidate and for equipment and efficient conduct of cases the recommendation of the District Judge is taken into consideration.